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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PRESS REPORTS BERLIN AIRLINE HAS
APPLIED FOR PASSENGER FARE INCREASES

REF: BONN 14859 (NOTAL)

1. OCTOBER 25 ISSUE ON BERLIN "TAGESPIEGEL" CARRIED
FRONT PAGE STORY THAT ONE OF THE ALLIED CARRIERS
OPERATING SERVICES BETWEEN BERLIN AND THE FRG HAD
APPLIED TO THE ALLIED CIVIL AIR ATTACHES FOR AN INCREASE
IN PASSENGER FARES. THE CARRIER WAS NOT IDENTIFIED,
ALTHOUGH SUBSEQUENT QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS TO PAN AM,
AIR FRANCE AND BEA HAVE APPARENTLY LED TO THE CONCLUSION
THAT IT COULD ONLY BE BEA. BEA IS, IN FACT, EXPECTED
TO CONFIRM SOON TO THE PRESS THAT IT IS THE AIRLINE

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CONCERNED.

2. EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW HOW THE NEWS WAS LEAKED, BUT WE SUSPECT THAT IT WAS SOMEONE IN BEA. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO ONE OUTSIDE AIRLINE AND ALLIED OFFICIAL CIRCLES WAS AWARE OF BEA'S APPLICATION.

3. EMBASSY RECEIVED CALLS THIS MORNING FROM THE FONOFF AND THE SENAT REPRESENTATION IN BONN ASKING FOR INFORMATION. WE CONFIRMED THAT AN APPLICATION HAD INDEED BEEN RECEIVED, AND SAID THAT THEY HAD NOT YET BEEN INFORMED BECAUSE THE DATA REQUIRED IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED, NOT ALL THE CARRIERS HAD BEEN HEARD FROM AND THE ALLIES DID NOT YET HAVE AN ORGANIZED AND JUSTIFIABLE PROPOSAL READY FOR CONSULTATION WITH THE FRG.

4. IN REPLY TO PRESS INQUIRIES, BRITISH AND FRENCH HAVE AGREED THAT THE ALLIED EMBASSIES SHOULD CONFIRM THAT AN APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND SAY THAT IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO STUDY THE PROPOSAL THE CAA'S HAVE REQUESTED FULL SUPPORTING DATA AND WILL ALSO CONSULT THE OTHER AIRLINES CONCERNED.

5. COMMENT: WHILE THE LEAK IS UNFORTUNATE, WE DOUBT THAT IT WILL HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES. EMBASSY BELIEVES FONOFF AND SENAT REPRESENTATION UNDERSTAND THE ALLIES HAVE EVERY INTENTION OF CONSULTING WITH THEM IN THE BERLIN CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT ADVISORY GROUP ON ANY FARE INCREASE.
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